

ARMY AND NAVY NOTES

State Militia System To Be Revolutionized by Garrison.

[From The Tribune Bureau]

Washington, August 13.
MUST CONFORM TO REGULAR ARMY.—The organized militia of the country, with the exception of the New York militia, is destined to undergo changes likely to be regarded as drastic and revolutionary. General A. L. Mills, chief of the militia division, has issued an order which is bound to create consternation in some quarters. This order, after a delay of five years, calls on the militia organizations to conform in the composition and strength of commands with the organization of the regular army. This is done with the idea that there shall be one homogeneous force made up of the various state militia commands when they are called into the national service. This intent of the law, enacted in 1909, has never been fulfilled because the War Department has never enforced its provisions.

In various states there exist divisions which are divisions in name only, lacking not only the special arms, such as field artillery and cavalry, which it is realized difficult to create in the states, but to a large extent lacking in the necessary infantry. The same is true of brigades, while in very many instances even regiments have not had their complement of companies. It is to remedy these faults that the order is now issued.

Its effect will be felt principally in the larger organizations and in the staff departments. There are now divisional organizations in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Missouri. With the exception of New York, all these divisions will cease to exist unless by January 15 their deficiencies of organizations can be made good, and of this, save in Pennsylvania, there is little probability.

In many states, as, for instance, Kansas, Colorado, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Nebraska, the brigade organizations will be destroyed, these states not having the requisite number of regiments to constitute such an organization, and with the organizations will go some of the most cherished berths in the militia's commissioned personnel.

Furthermore, many regiments, separate battalions and squadrons have not the necessary number of companies to give a complete tactical organization, and they must forfeit their regimental and battalion organization and become squadrons and companies, respectively.

ORDERS ISSUED.—These army and navy orders have been issued:

ARMY.

Colonel STEPHEN M. POOTE, coast artillery, and Major JAMES W. MANDREW, infantry, are appointed to duty as assistant instructors for course 1913-14. Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES W. PENROSE, infantry, from Walter Reed General Hospital to Manila. Major WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN, from Fort Monroe to Washington, October 1, as assistant chief of coast artillery. The Major

ROBERT S. ABERNATHY, to Fort Totten, October 1. Major GEORGE A. MURRAY, from South Atlantic Coast school, Fort Monroe, October 1. Captain ALBERT C. DUNN, and Land Petrie, Major ALBERT C. DUNN, from Port Morris, report commanding officer, South Atlantic Coast Artillery District, October 1, for staff duty as major of engineers.

Following changes Medical Corps ordered: Major EUGENE R. WHITMORE, from New York City, October 1, to Army Medical School, Washington, D. C., for course of medical and tropical medicine. Major FREDERICK F. RUSSELLS, from Army Medical School, Washington, October 1, to New York City, commanding surgeon, Captain EDWARD R. VEDDER, from Rockford Institute, New York City, October 1, to Army Medical School, Washington, as assistant professor in clinical microscopy and bacteriology.

Captain OLIVER T. SPAULDING, Jr., 4th Field Artillery, to army service schools, Fort Leavenworth, October 1.

Captain HENRY A. D. DORCY, retired, detailed instructor in military drill, Missouri Military Academy.

Resignation of First Lieutenant RAYMOND W. MILLIS, Medical Corps, accepted; take effect October 1.

First Lieutenant EDMUND E. LEE, coast artillery, to West Point, October 1.

First Lieutenant JAMES M. HOBSON, Jr., 2d Infantry, from Military Academy to his regiment.

First Lieutenant RUSSELL JAMES, 2d Infantry, from Port St. Lucie, detailed professor in military science, Virginia Military Institute.

First Lieutenant HENRY S. KILBOURNE, Jr., 4th Field Artillery, to Walter Reed General Hospital, October 1.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD L. DYER, coast artillery, from 15th to 142d Company, vice Second Lieutenant REGINALD B. COCHROFT, coast artillery, transferred to 188th.

Leave of absence: First Lieutenant JOHN R. AMES, dental surgeon, fifteen days additional; First Lieutenant CALVIN P. BROWN, infantry, September 18; First Lieutenant RAYMOND W. MILLIS, medical corps, to November 20.

Navy.

Lieutenant J. W. WILCOX, detached Naval Academy, to the Illinois.

Lieutenant A. C. KAIN, to the New Orleans.

Lieutenant (junior grade) R. C. PARKER, detached the New Orleans, home, await orders.

Lieutenant (junior grade) H. R. KELLER, detached the New Orleans, home, await orders.

Lieutenant (junior grade) J. L. COOPER, detached the Birmingham, home, await orders.

Lieutenant (junior grade) F. P. CONGER, detached the Montana, to the Jenkins.

Ensign T. H. WINTERS, detached the Jenkins.

Naval Constructor R. P. SCHLABACH, detached the New York Shipbuilding Company, agent of public material for Western District, Muskegon.

Chief Boatswain CHARLES SCHONBORG, the Colossus.

Boatswain Clerks JOSEPH REAY and G. E. LORD, appointed to the Texas.

Lieutenant N. H. GOSS, the Pompey.

Lieutenant S. W. WALLACE, detached the Pescatario, to naval station, Tonga.

Lieutenant (junior grade) W. O. WALTER, detached the Pompey, home, wait orders.

Lieutenant (junior grade) PHILIP SEY.

R. R. detached the Pompey, home, wait orders.

Lieutenant (junior grade) H. H. FORGE, detached the Pampanga, to the Pompey.

Ensign F. L. SHEA, detached the Monmouth, home, wait orders.

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.—These movements of naval vessels have been reported:

ARRIVED.

Aug. 14.—The Patuxent, at New York yard; the Culver and the Alabama, at Newport;

the Atax, at Chinkiang; the Dolphin, at East River, New York; the Ocoee, at Key West.

SAILED.

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